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Anglo-American Occupation Authorities Give Criminals Safe Haven

Upon the victorious termination of the People's War of Liberation, while our people spontaneously embarked on the construction of the People's State, that is, the restoration and reconstruction of our war-ravaged country, scattered remnants of domestic reaction like the Ustashi-Wachek and Chetnik armed bands continued their old ways of treachery to the homeland. They originally enlisted in the service of foreign countries. The remnants of the Ustashi-Wachek armed bands, headed by the most vicious war criminals, Ante PAVELIC and other Ustashi leaders, as well as remnants of the Chetnik bands, headed by the high officers of the former Yugoslav Army, and also a small fanatical collaborationist group formed by the domestic reaction, among them the traitor Vlado MACHUK, who at the time of the defeat of Hitler's Germany, together with the shattered remnants of Hitler's Army, fled to the Anglo-American occupation zones in Austria and occupied Italy - and thereafter entered other countries of Western Europe and America, where they were installed in the service of new imperialistic masters and became their weapon in the struggle against the new Yugoslavia.

...Anglo-American occupation authorities in Austria and Italy were bound by the treaties and laws as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and were obligated to return war criminals and collaborationists to the national authorities of Yugoslavia to be tried for the crimes that they committed against the State. Instead of this, they had placed them in camps in Austria and Italy - Fermo, Modena, Bagnoli, Forli, Spittal, Weidmannsdorf, Linz-Klagenfurt, Pirnitz, Treffling, etc., where these traitors and war criminals have found safe havens.

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Vatican's Fatherly Care

An especially shameful part in the support and the protection of the accused and other Ustashi criminals, spies, and terrorists is being played by the Vatican circles and the high clergy abroad. The Society of St. Jerome in Rome, which has direct contacts with the Vatican, participated in the offensive on Kozar Mountain. Among these participants were Father Krivoslav DRAGANOVIC, Monsignor VADERAY, Brother MANJIC, Brother GOLIK, and the bloody priest, Jelo RUKANOVIC. They gave safe havens to the worst Ustashi criminals -- Ante PAVELIC, Mato FRKOVIC, Miro ROSANDIC, Daniel CRLJEN, Dusan ZANKO, the Ustashi minister ARTUKOVIC, the accused Ljuba MILOS, Vlado VRANILOVIC, Stepan KRIZANIC, Rudolf SRNAK, and other Ustashi assassins. They organize and finance Ustashi terroristic groups for the purpose of infiltration into our country, specifically through the effort of the accused Julo SPALJ in the camp at Fermo. They organized the Ustashi Singing Choir which was presented before the Vatican public and the Vatican radio station. This choir was received by the Pope, who expressed his fatherly care for the Ustashi emigres and gave them his blessings. The accused Ustashi criminals have thus enjoyed the protection of the Austrian and Italian reactionaries as well as the protection of certain state officials in Austria and Italy.

Ustashi Assassins Want to Reestablish Independent State of Croatia on the General Principles of Western Democracy

Under such conditions they continually expound the wartime Ustashi propaganda, which is directed in the outside world against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies. This campaign of propaganda and espionage is being fostered by the Vatican, high clergy, and the most reactionary imperialists.

In the spring of 1947 Ustashi-Vachek and Chetnik refugees prepared a broad plan of criminal activities against our country. They prepared outside

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the country ~~X~~ Croatian National Command under the leadership of the Ustashi and the war criminals, Ante PAVELIC, Boza KAVRAN, Mate FRKOVIC, and Lovro ~~X~~ MUSICA, who originated this plan and put in writing their "basic principles", "fundamental orders", and "principal guidance and direction". These documents were found on the accused when they were apprehended. According to the "basic principles", their plan - obviously doomed beforehand - was to overthrow the people's authority in Yugoslavia and to reestablish the Independent State of Croatia on the general principles of western democracy. PAVELIC, KAVRAN, FRKOVIC, Ljuba MILOS, Ante VRBAN, and other Ustashi assassins would therefore have to come into the country to set up some kind of a democracy. According to the "basic principles", the Ustashi emigres and malcontents would organize a so-called ~~X~~ Croatian Armed Fight ~~X~~ (HOS) under the leadership of a so-called ~~X~~ Croatian National Committee ~~X~~ (HNO). The accused, Josip TOMLJENOVIC (ZMAJ from Bosnia), in Linz; Boridar PETRACIC (ZRNJSKI); and Vladimir SABOLIC (OUBEC) were to conduct espionage, diversions, and terrorism or, as instructed in the "principal directives and guidance", to carry out the destruction of telephone and telegraph lines, the demolition of railroads and railroad bridges, major warehouses, the assassination of important political and military officials, etc. The carrying out of such terrorist acts would warrant the understanding and support of the outside powers.

Machek-Chetnik and Ustashi Bands Receive Directives from the Same Master

At the same time the Chetnik emigres worked out a plan of organization called the "Yugoslav Army in the Homeland". The originator of this plan in Lt. Col. Simeun ^(PAZARAC) OCOKOLJIC of the former Yugoslav Army. Known as Sinisa PAZARAC, he was one of the Chetnik commanders of Draza MIHAILOVIC during the Occupation. At present in Trieste, he is connected with a foreign spy ring. This Simeun OCOKOLJIC formed in Trieste a Chetnik-Machek Troika, including

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